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In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A substantially purified nucleic acid molecule comprising an *Arabidopsis thaliana* EST selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 81307 through SEQ ID NO: 101672 and complements thereof.

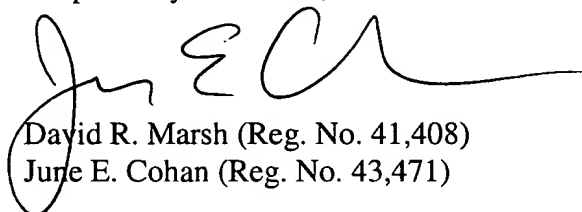
Remarks

Claims 1 has been amended, and the specification has been amended to update the priority information. No new matter enters by this amendment. The application presently contains claims 1-57.

The presently pending claims are believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at 202.942.5071 to address any unresolved issues remaining in this application.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 01-2510.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marked up claim

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